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Subject: SPIKE briefings at HQ USAF

1. On 17 September 1971, SAMSO briefers presented their evaluation of the technical feasibility of Project SPIKE to Major General Kuereman, Asst Deputy Chief of Staff, R&D, USAF; Mr. J. Jones, Deputy Asst Sec of the Air Force for [illeg] and to General Meyer, Vice Chief of Staff, USAF. The project received generally favorable comment at each of the three presentations.

2. Mr. Hansen, Asst Sec of the Air Force, [illeg], was not in [words illeg] the briefing; however, he had been advised of the [illeg] memo three weeks before. Mr. Jones [illeg] that Mr. Hansen had expressed three reservations at that time: (1) Why do you want to do it, (2) Can [words illeg] standard Arm missile actually reach operationally meaningful altitudes, and (3) Is the concept too sophisticated to [illeg] without major technical advancements. Answers to each of these questions were given.
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3. General Meyer, Lt General Russell and Major General Keck gave a favorable response to the proposal. General Meyer was advised that AFSC had proposed earlier in the month that SPIKE be included in the USAF New Initiatives submission to [illeg]. After Mr. Hanson's comments were related, General Meyer indicated that it might be too new an idea at this point. He asked if the staff wanted him to take any action and was advised that the briefing was for information only at this point, as the staff believed that necessary funding could be obtained for Phase I from the New Initiatives, Aerospace Defense or another Program Element.



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1. On 17 September 1971, SAMSO briefers presented their evaluation of the technical feasibility of Project LIND to Major General Kuselman, Asst Deputy Chief of Staff, R&D, USAF; Lt. J. Jones, Deputy Asst Sec of the Air Force for R&D and to General Boyer, Vice Chief of Staff, USAF. The project received generally favorable comment at each of the three presentations.

"1. Mr. Hansen, what kind of the Air Force, 110, was not in attendance to receive the briefing; however, he had been on the staff of the JCS. I suspect some three years before. 2. Jones pointed out that Mr. Hansen had expressed interest in the subject at that time: (1) Why do you want to do this? (2) Can an improved standard Air missile actually reach operational altitudes, and (3) Is the concept too complicated to obtain without major technical advancements. 4. Jones then asked the usual questions were given.

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3. General Moyer, Lt General Russell and Major General Keck gave a favorable response to the proposal. General Moyer was advised that AFSC had proposed earlier in the month that a program be included in the USAF New Initiatives submission to OSD. After Mr. Hanson's comments were related, General Moyer indicated that it might be too new an idea at this point. He asked if the staff wanted him to take any action and was advised that the briefing was for information only at this point, as the staff believed that necessary funding could be obtained for Phase I from the New Initiatives, Aerospace Defense or another Program Element.

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4. On Friday afternoon the FY 73 New Initiatives package was sent to General Glasser's office for approval and eventual forwarding to OSD. The SPIKE project is included at this time. Further action will depend on whether SPIKE remains in this Program Element through Air Staff and Sec AF R&D coordination and on what disposition OSD may make of the proposal. If it is not left in this Program Element, AFSC will reevaluate what Program Element can be used to further the required technology for the program and intends to resubmit as required. If SPIKE stays in the FY 73 New Initiatives package and is approved by OSD, AFSC intends to apply some FY 72 money to get on with the Phase I study effort.

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